

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

11:00 a.m.

519 House Office Building

Representative Melton, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Moolenaar, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker and Knollenberg.

Representative Miller moved to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2007 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Moolenaar moved to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Angerer and Opsommer.

The committee observed a moment of silence for the passing of Al Short from the Michigan Education Association.

The Chair laid SB 730 before the committee.

SB 730 Gleason Education; other; reference to "handicapped person" in school code; revise to "person with a disability".

The following people submitted cards in support of SB 730, but did not wish to speak:

Lisa Hansknecht, representing the Michigan Department of Education,
Don Olendorf, representing the Michigan Small and Rural Schools Association,
Don Noble, representing the Michigan Education Association.

Representative Valentine moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to SB 730.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 19-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Moolenaar, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand and Knollenberg,

Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Valentine offered the following amendment to SB 730 (H-1):

1. Amend page 2, line 16, after “under” by striking out the balance of the subsection and inserting “**THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW.**”.

Representative Valentine moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 19-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Moolenaar, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand and Knollenberg,

Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Miller moved to report out SB 730 as substitute (H-2) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 20-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Moolenaar, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker and Knollenberg,

Nays: None,
Pass: None.

SB 730 (H-2) reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 5375 before the committee.

HB 5375 Melton Property tax; state education tax; Michigan promise zones; establish and provide funding through state education tax revenue.

Larry Steckelberg, representing the Michigan Treasury, testified in support of HB 5375.

Lynn Heestra, representing the City of Grand Rapids and the Office of Children, Youth and Families, testified in support of HB 5375.*

Tim Bartik and Patti Barber, representing the Kalamazoo Public Schools and the Upjohn Institute, testified and stated a neutral position to HB 5375.*

Robert LeFevre, representing the Macomb Intermediate School District, submitted a card in

support of HB 5375, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted cards indicting a neutral position on HB 5375, but did not wish to speak:

Peter Spadafore, representing the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association,

Don Olendorf, representing the Michigan Small and Rural Schools Association,

Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

Patrick Naswell, representing the Community Foundation for Greater Flint, submitted a card indicating a neutral position to HB 5375, but due to time was not able to speak.

Ida Byrd-Hill, representing Uplift Inc, submitted a card in support of HB 5375, but due to time was not able to speak.

The following people submitted cards in opposition to HB 5375, but due to time were not able to speak:

Brian Broderick, representing the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools,

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:41 p.m.

Representative Tim Melton, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
November 27, 2007
1 hour 41 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates written material submitted.